

the future of this country is far too important to trust to Government alone or to those who are experienced in Government alone. We need to welcome experience from far beyond just the governmental sector. I think it is important to listen to what George Washington said. Washington said:

Nor can the Members of Congress exempt themselves from consequences of any unjust and tyrannical acts which they may impose upon others for in a short time they will mingle with the mass of the people.

It was anticipated that Members of the Congress would shortly mingle with the mass of the people. One of those who has debated in this Chamber suggested that the anticipation of mingling with the mass of the people might somehow undermine the commitment of a person for service.

George Washington saw it absolutely opposite. He thought that people who knew they were going to have to go out there and live with the people would render better service, not render lesser service; that their service would be more noble. And how do you measure nobility? By whether or not it makes it better for the general public, whether it elevates the general welfare. George Washington said beware because you will have to be mingling with the public. I think every Member of the House and Senate should look forward to mingling with the public. They should look forward to going home. They should look forward to being in a situation at a time and place when they live under the laws that we not only propose but under the laws which we enact.

So we have a tremendous opportunity. It is an opportunity which will reinforce fundamental values of America.

The people's will must be served. Let me just reinforce this point. Seventy to 80 percent of Americans, with the knowledge of 50 years of experience of term limits, say, "It is something we want, we like."

I think we ought to represent the people to the extent we are saying, "If you think you like that, let us give you a choice," not impose term limits on them, but let us send it out to the States and create a great debate about it and let States determine whether or not they want term limits. Let the people participate.

Seventy-four percent of the American people, according to one poll, support term limits. Twenty-three States, almost all of which had the initiative so that people could start the movement for term limits themselves with petitions, have enacted term limits.

We have the new "electronics to petition the Congress." Over 50,000 people visited the home page for term limits here in the U.S. Senate. Well over 7,000 people signed the petition. Of those—it was overwhelmingly in favor of term limits.

I believe that, in a democracy, we should accord to the people the opportunity to make decisions. We should trust them.

Then there is this idea, "Oh, somehow we have to be careful that we do not find ourselves absent the talent." There has been a wonderful parade of public figures oratorically through the Chamber of all the people who were here and who might not have been able to serve for life or for extended periods had we had term limits.

If George Washington had thought that he was the only person who could lead America, he would not have walked away after two terms. If Thomas Jefferson had thought that there was a limited pool of talent, that the American people were a very shallow pool and you could not trust anyone else but them, he would not have walked away. President after President walked away for the first 100 years of this Republic because they had a different kind of confidence in the American people than we have heard expressed all too often here. They had a confidence that there was greatness in this Republic and it was not limited to a few who had been elected.

I was interested in what those people who wrote me on the Internet had to say. One was "7100" who communicated, who said:

I see that you're a Republican. I'm not. This is one issue, however, more important to me than the success of any party.

Another said:

Serving the public was never meant to be a way to amass power and money. Our Founding Fathers would be ashamed. Please stop the insanity and pass term limits now.

I think what we have is a great opportunity to say to the people, "We welcome your participation in Government." We hope that more people will find their way into elections, and they will if there are fewer incumbencies that are extremely well funded. We hope that more people will find their way into office to bring the wisdom of America to Washington, DC.

We do not distrust the talent of the American people. We think there are plenty of people who are capable of serving.

We think that the nature of real choice will be expanded, and we think that there will be the evidence of a discipline in the Senate which will come from individuals who expect to return to mingle with the public.

There are those who have said, "Well, unless we make term limits retroactive so that we will virtually say anybody who has already served two terms will be out from the date of enactment forward, we will not have real term limits." Let me tell you, that is not the way term limits have ever worked. The American people know how term limits work. They have seen it work in their city councils, they have seen it work in their States, they have seen it work for 40-plus Governors, and they have seen it work for the President of the United States. The truth of the matter is, so many of those individuals who suggest they want that kind of term limits are opposing term limits altogether.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent for 1 minute in which to conclude.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ASHCROFT. Madam President, the fundamental values of the American people compel us to accord them the opportunity to evaluate an amendment to the Constitution proposing term limits, the value of choice, the value of representing the people, the value of access and participation in politics and the value of limited power.

All of these components of American history, all of these principles by which we have stood are the principles which call upon us now in the voices of 70 to 80 percent of the population in saying to us, "Give us the opportunity to participate in Government by ratifying an amendment to the U.S. Constitution which would limit terms of Members of the U.S. Congress."

I thank the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time has expired for the majority side. Is there anyone seeking recognition from the minority side?

Mr. THOMPSON. Madam President, I am informed that we have permission to yield back the time of the minority.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time having been yielded back, under the previous order, pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the committee substitute to Calendar No. 201, Senate Joint Resolution 21, a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to limit Congressional terms.

Bob Dole, Fred Thompson, Spence Abraham, Rod Grams, Mike DeWine, John Ashcroft, Craig Thomas, Jon Kyl, Trent Lott, John McCain, Slade Gorton, Rick Santorum, Bill Frist, Larry E. Craig, Paul Coverdell, Lauch Faircloth.

CALL OF THE ROLL

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The mandatory quorum call has been waived.

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the committee substitute to Senate Joint Resolution 21, a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are required. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 58, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 79 Leg.]

YEAS—58

Abraham	Frist	McCain
Ashcroft	Gorton	McConnell
Bennett	Graham	Murkowski
Bond	Gramm	Nickles
Brown	Grams	Pressler
Burns	Grassley	Roth
Campbell	Gregg	Santorum
Chafee	Hatch	Shelby
Coats	Hatfield	Simpson
Cochran	Helms	Smith
Cohen	Hutchison	Snowe
Coverdell	Inhofe	Specter
Craig	Jeffords	Stevens
D'Amato	Kassebaum	Thomas
DeWine	Kempthorne	Thompson
Dole	Kohl	Thurmond
Domenici	Kyl	Warner
Exon	Lott	Wellstone
Faircloth	Lugar	
Feinstein	Mack	

NAYS—42

Akaka	Feingold	Lieberman
Baucus	Ford	Mikulski
Biden	Glenn	Moseley-Braun
Bingaman	Harkin	Moynihan
Boxer	Heflin	Murray
Bradley	Hollings	Nunn
Breaux	Inouye	Pell
Bryan	Johnston	Pryor
Bumpers	Kennedy	Reid
Byrd	Kerrey	Robb
Conrad	Kerry	Rockefeller
Daschle	Lautenberg	Sarbanes
Dodd	Leahy	Simon
Dorgan	Levin	Wyden

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COVERDELL). On this vote, the yeas are 58, the nays are 42. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. DASCHLE. I move to reconsider the vote.

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. President, I withdraw that request. I understand the Senator from Maryland has some remarks he would like to make.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Maryland.

A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE MIKULSKI

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, as I think most of our colleagues know, Mrs. Christine Mikulski, the mother of our dear friend and colleague, Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI, passed away on March 31, during our Easter recess.

My wife and I were fortunate to know "Miss Chris," as she was known to all, for many years, and were privileged to call her our friend.

Miss Chris was enormously proud of the accomplishments of her daughter, our colleague, Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI, as indeed are we all. Miss Chris played a key role in all of BARBARA's campaigns, and a key role in BARBARA's life, to really be very explicit about it. She was an effective and enthusiastic volunteer in Senator MIKULSKI's constituent service office in her home neighborhood of Highlandtown in east Baltimore. Indeed, she became

known as Miss Chris, the First Lady of Highlandtown. And, indeed, she was a first lady.

Miss Chris was an extraordinary woman beloved by her family and friends. She was part of that immigrant generation—her father was born in Poland—that built our Nation over the early decades of this century. She reflected that determination of spirit, courage and strength of character, which are exactly the values we hold out to our young people to emulate today.

In an eloquent and heartfelt tribute at the funeral service on Wednesday, April 3, Senator MIKULSKI spoke movingly about her mother and about the many ways in which her mother was so special to her family, her community, her church, and all who were privileged to know her. I simply wanted to take this opportunity to share with my colleagues Senator MIKULSKI's eloquent tribute to her mother on that occasion.

I ask unanimous consent that her tribute be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows

REMARKS OF SENATOR BARBARA A. MIKULSKI

My mother would have been pleased by this gathering. She would have been honored that so many people came today. She would have been pleased to have her family here today. She would have been honored that the Governor and the mayor were here.

My mother would have been honored that Senator Paul Sarbanes, members of Congress, and the Baltimore City Council were here today. She would have loved that members of her clubs and organizations were here.

She would have also loved the fact that she made the headlines in the Baltimore Sun and the Washington Post. That she was on radio and television. That Richard Scher announced her favorite name—the First Lady of Highlandtown.

She would have been touched by the fact that the President of the United States called to express his condolences and that Vice President Al Gore called because he very much wanted me to bring my mother to lunch at their home in Washington. He was sorry that he and Tipper never met my mother.

My mother, as you know was a very determined lady. She always planned ahead. She had very specific instructions about today and the way she wanted to be remembered. In her final days, with the illness fast overtaking her, she gave me some very specific instructions about today.

One of those was to be sure to thank everybody. You know my mother was an enormously courteous and considerate woman. So there were certain thank you's she wanted me to give for her. I'd also like to say they are from me and my family.

First she said be sure to thank the priests. Thank the priests of Loyola College. Other priests in the audience.

My mother particularly wanted me to thank the priest of Holy Rosary, where she was baptized, went to school, and married. She also wanted me to thank the priests here at Sacred Heart, her home parish for more than 50 years. She said say thanks to the priests at Sacred Heart for their prayers, where we made our first communion, graduation, and where we went to school.

Father Ed Foley, she particularly wanted me to thank you for bringing her commu-

ion every day throughout the days she was shut-in. As she would always say to you when you left, "Father, I am very grateful."

She wanted me particularly to thank the nuns. All of those who are here, who taught my sisters and me. The holy nuns who ran the day care center, she wanted to say thanks to you all for the good work that you do and for what you meant to our family.

My mother wanted me to thank the Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy who educated my sisters and me, who ran the hospital where my sisters and me were born. My mother said thank you. It was there that we were born, it was there that she died. It was there she went during so many emergencies and was rescued. And she was very grateful for your comfort until the end. So she asked me to thank you.

She also said to say thank you to the Polish Women's Alliance ladies, who were her honorary pall bearers today. She loved being a member of the Alliance. She was very proud of her Polish heritage. She was very proud to be a member of a Polish Heritage Association. She loved the friendship. She loved the fellowship. She loved the bingo. She loved you, Lorraine. She loved your mother, Miss Viki.

She asked me to remind you that when she was 16 years old, she won an essay contest run by the Polish Falcons. The prize was a trip to Poland. She was very proud of that and very thankful for the opportunity to go to the land of her heritage.

She wanted me to thank the ladies at the Altar Society, who gave her a candle light honor guard today. She wanted me to give a special thanks to the "Cheer-up Club," of which she was a perpetual member.

My mother also wanted me to thank the neighbors. To Rosie, to Pat, to Mel—thanks for helping out and being there during the hard days. But, she said, remember the good days and the grocery store.

As you know my mother and my father, Willie, ran a grocery store in Highland. They saw many people through hard times. My mother asked me to thank all the people for coming to the store. There were so many of you who told so many stories to me about going to the store.

My mother was Miss Chris and my father was Mr. Willie. My sisters and I were known as little Willies. We heard all the stories about the extra candy my mother distributed to the children. She was known as the lollipop lady. Also she was the lady who, along with my father, would give extra store credit to families during those hard times.

My mother would stand at the back of the store by the cash register and give tips to the homemakers and favorite recipes. She always pretended she liked to cook, but as my sisters and I know, my mother really liked carry out. She was a woman of the 90's—in the 1950's and the 1960's.

She and my father were a fantastic team running that grocery store. And as you know, they brought a tremendous amount of goodness and generosity into this community.

My mother and father were also wonderful parents. My sisters and I could not have had a better mother than our mother. She saw to it that we had a good home.

They worked very hard so that we would have a good education, and that we would also have the extras. Whether it was the ballet lessons or whether it was the trip for leadership training. Whatever it was—slumber parties, the prom, all of those things—they wanted us to have a very good life. They didn't realize though that the greatest gift they gave us was themselves and their love.

My mother really loved her family. She loved her husband, her daughters, her brothers, her sisters, her in-laws.